

Application No. 09/735,443
Amendment "B" to Final Office Action dated March 7, 2005
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REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

The present Amendment is in response to the Examiner's Final Office Action mailed December 7, 2004. Claims 19-25 were previously cancelled. By this paper, claims 1, 3, 6, 12, 16-17, 26, 30, and 32 are amended. Claims 1-18, and 26-32 are now pending in view of the above amendments.

Please note that the following remarks are not intended to be an exhaustive enumeration of the distinctions between any cited references and the claimed invention. Rather, the distinctions identified and discussed below are presented solely by way of example to illustrate some of the differences between the claimed invention and the cited references. In addition, Applicants request that the Examiner carefully review any references discussed below to ensure that Applicants' understanding and discussion of the references, if any, is consistent with the Examiner's understanding. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments to the claims and the following remarks. For the Examiner's convenience and reference, Applicant's remarks are presented in the order in which the corresponding issues were raised in the Office Action.

Examiner's Interview

Applicant's express their appreciation to the Examiner for conducting an interview with Applicants representative on February 28, 2005. This response includes the substance of the interview.

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Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Office Action rejected claims 6 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. In particular, the Office Action indicates that claim 6 refers to "the access device" on line 10 as not being clear and that Claim 8 refers to the "numeric touchpad" as being generated by the server.

In response, claim 6 has been amended to recite "the first access device". In claim 8, "numeric touchpad" has been replaced with "icon group". In view of these amendments to claims 6 and 8, withdrawal of the rejection under § 112, second paragraph, is respectfully requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Office Action rejected claims 1-8, 10-18, 26-29, and 32 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,456,699 (*Burg*) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,815,153 (*Isensee*). Claims 9, 30, and 31 are rejected under *Burg* and *Isensee* in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,157,841 (*Bolduc*).

As discussed at the interview, neither *Burg* or *Isensee* teaches a server that includes an access module that correlates HTML code received from a first access device or a second access device with a specified class of information. As discussed at the interview, *Burg* does not teach both a first access device with an interface having a touchpad and an icon group arranged similarly to the touchpad. Although *Isensee* was cited as disclosing the set of icons arranged in the same shape as a standard telephone keypad, *Isensee* does not teach that HTML generated in response to selecting an icon is correlated to a specified class of information by a server.

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Per the interview, Claim 1 has been amended to require a server that includes an access module. The access module includes a correlation module that correlates HTML code with specified classes of information using a correlation data structure. The server correlates HTML code with specified classes of information for both the first access device and the second access device. In claim 1, the second access device generates HTML code that is correlated by the correlation module. The first access device generates a signal that is converted to HTML code by a voice browser. In both cases the correlation module of the server correlates the HTML code with specified classes of information that are then requested from the at least one server connected to the network.

The access module of the server correlates the HTML code received from both the first access device and the second access device with a specified class of information using a correlation data structure. The server then services or requests the specified class of information from the at least one server. The server both correlates the HTML code with a specified class of information and then requests the specified class of information from at least one server.

As discussed at the interview, the correlation between the request for a specified class of information is performed at the server. The correlation is performed by the server for both the first access device and the second access device. The HTML code associated with the first and second access devices is not used to request information from the at least one server. Rather, the HTML code correlated by the access module of the server with a specified class of information. The request for the specified class of information from the at least one server is made by the server.

For at least these reasons, claim 1 is believed to overcome the art of record and is in condition for allowance. Claims 6 and 26 have been similarly amended and are also believed to

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overcome the art of record for at least these reasons. Claim 12 has been amended to include "identifying a specified class of information associated with the selected key on the first numeric touchpad and with the particular icon in the representation of the first numeric touchpad by correlating the HTML code with the specified class of information. This corresponds to the amendments made to claim 1. Claim 32 has been amended similarly to claim 12. For at least the reasons discussed herein, claims 12 and 32 are also believed to overcome the cited art. The dependent claims – namely claims 1-5, 7-11, 13-18, and 27-31 – are believed to be allowable as they depend from one of the independent claims 1, 6, 12, 16, and 32.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe the claims as amended are in allowable form. In the event that the Examiner finds remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, or which may be overcome by an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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Respectfully submitted,



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